

The 'Shorthorn' Brief



Your Canadian Shorthorn Association News

NEOGEN CANADA'S GENEOMIC SERVICES for CSA:

As you read in the latest Shorthorn Report magazine, Delta Genomics has been acquired by Neogen Canada Inc. This is good news in many ways:

- Many of the test costs to our members have been reduced (see below)
- The majority of the Delta staff as well as their facilities and lab equipment have also been acquired which ensures a smooth transition.
- All existing old samples will continue to be safely stored by Neogen
- The turnaround time will be improved to 21 days on some tests, which previously took longer.

There is one significant change that will affect every one and that is the method of sending in samples for testing. Neogen requires that hair cards, blood cards or tissue collectors be used as they contain barcodes for increased tracking accuracy and ease of sample storage. These three options should be ordered from the CSA Registry office. The costs are:

- Hair cards - \$0.50 each - minimum 10 per order
- Blood cards - \$0.25 each - minimum 10 per order
- Tissue collectors - \$2.25 each - Note: Allflex collector tool is extra
- Semen straws may still be sent in

Please review the fee schedule carefully and take particular note of the considerable cost savings associated with ordering genetic condition tests at the same time as you order a DNA SNP parentage test (50K).

Feel free to contact the CSA Registry office or call the CSA office in Regina to discuss or get further clarification.

The CSA website will soon have illustrations of the new sample collection methods. You can see the full fee schedule [here](#).

NEOGEN PRICING

1) DNA

- Basic SNP Parentage * \$35
- GGP - 30K \$40
- GGP - 50K \$45
- *NOTE: GE-EPDs are available only with 30K and 50K SNP and are NOT available with Basic SNP Parentage

2) GENETIC CONDITION TESTS (stand alone)

- TH \$25
- DS \$25

- PHA \$25
- Myostatin \$25

3) COMBINATION PACKAGES

- GGP 50K plus a defect test \$60
- Add a 2nd, 3rd or 4th defect test @\$12 each
- NOTE: combination pricing only available with GGP-50K

CSA is also pleased to partner with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) in offering an approved tag, branded for the Canadian Shorthorn Association.



CCIA will provide an array of amenities to make all Shorthorn producer needs as streamlined and efficient as possible. They offer a fully functional webstore, call-center support staff, a team of Field Service specialists and a Board of Directors with years of collective knowledge in the industry. With proposed regulation changes on the horizon, CCIA can help organizations with their varying traceability needs in order to remain compliant and to better serve their members.

Users of Shorthorn genetics can acquire the ComfortEar® tag via the CCIA webstore at <https://tags.canadaid.ca> or by contacting the CCIA Client Support team at 1.877.909.2333. Tags will be available for shipping within the next week.

Make plans to attend the 2019 Canadian Shorthorn Association annual general meeting on Saturday, June 1 at the Auberge West Brome, Quebec. We would love to see you there.

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